ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES) RULES, 2025

-TIMELINE

HISTORY

- On **6 January 2025**, India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MOEFCC) published the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025, under the powers granted by the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- The rules shall come into force from **1 April 2025**.
- Starting in 2025-26, producers will face annual targets for scrapping vehicles that are 15 years or older for transport vehicles and 20 years or older for non-transport vehicles.

STEPS TAKEN BY MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS TARGETING UNFIT AND POLLUTING VEHICLES

1. Ministry of Heavy Industries launched 'PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme' on 29th September, 2024 for promotion of electric mobility in the country with and outlay of Rs 10,900 crore over a period of two years[1].
2. Voluntary Vehicle Fleet Modernization Program (V-VMP) or Vehicle Scrapping Policy, 2023 for creation of an ecosystem to phase out older unfit and polluting vehicles[2].
3. Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021 prescribe for registration of Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility (RVSF), criteria for scrapping vehicles, scrapping procedure, audit and certifications for functioning of RVSFs[3].
4. Central Motor Vehicles (Twenty Third Amendment) Rules, 2021 vide GSR 714 (E) dated 04.10.2021, which provide that if a buyer of a new vehicle submits 'Certificate of Deposit' of an end-of-life vehicle then the Registration fee on the new vehicle will not be levied[4].

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[1] https://pmedrive.heavyindustries.gov.in/
[2] Vehicle Scrapping Policy formulated for creation of an ecosystem to phase out unfit and polluting vehicles in an environment friendly manner
[3] https://morth.nic.in/sites/default/files/notifications_document/GSR%20653.pdf
[4] https://tnsta.gov.in/notification/notification_tn_1suumEm_2023_03_29.pdf

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is required to establish a centralized online portal within **six months** of the publication of the rules[5].

[5] https://indianchemicalregulation.com/india-end-of-life-vehicles-rules-2025/#:~:text=On%206%20January%202025%2C%20India's,the%20Motor%20Vehicles%20Act%2C%201988.&text=The%20Central%20Pollution%20Control%20Board,RVSFs%20to%20meet%20EPR%20obligations